

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 551
By Robinson

A RESOLUTION to commend those truck drivers who assisted motorists stranded in the westbound lanes of Interstate 40 between Crossville and Cookeville on the third and fourth days of February, 1998.

WHEREAS, on the third day of February, 1998, a sudden snowstorm stranded hundreds of motorists in the westbound lanes of Interstate 40 between Crossville and Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, most of these motorists were completely unprepared for what would be a one-day delay; and

WHEREAS, without being asked to do so, truck drivers stranded with the motorists offered them provisions such as food, drink and blankets; and

WHEREAS, these truck drivers also offered the warmth of their truck cabs to individuals and families unable to heat their vehicles for lack of fuel; and

WHEREAS, these truck drivers checked on the health and medical conditions of stranded motorists; and

WHEREAS, eastbound truck drivers used slowdowns as opportunities to run across the snowbound median to carry additional provisions to those in the westbound lanes; and

WHEREAS, without regard for their own ability to extricate their trucks from the snowbound road or their livelihood, truck drivers in the westbound lanes moved their rigs – sometimes into deeper snow – enabling a state plow and dozens of motorists to successfully extricate themselves from miles of halted traffic; and

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WHEREAS, the unsolicited help of the truck drivers in the offering of provisions, their concern for the well-being of stranded motorists, and their assistance in the safe transit of motorists from the area is in the spirit of volunteerism and of Tennessee, the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend those truck drivers involved for their unsolicited assistance to the stranded motorists, and for the spirit of volunteerism they demonstrated in so doing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to a proper representative of the Tennessee Trucking Association, the American Trucking Association, the Truckload Carriers Association, the Distribution and LTL Carriers Association, and the Owner and Operators Independent Drivers Association, with this final clause omitted from such copies.